

FEW VERMONTERS EVER GO TO RENO

New England Women, Now Seeking Divorce There, Number
75 or Less.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 25.—The Christmas season finds a mingling of pleasure and pathos, of joy and sadness, of light-hearted gaiety and sombre heartache among the members of the "divorce colony" in Reno. There are here to-day upward of 500 misnamed souls, 80 per cent. of whom are women, here for no other purpose than to secure legal freedom from marital bonds and then to hurry back eastward, northward, southward, westward to the scenes surrounding their former hearthstone.

Among these, New England is well represented, the influence of its early Puritan days not sufficiently pronounced in this latter age of unfortunates marriages to withstand the divorce courts.

To the credit, however, of the Plymouth Rock section of this nation, be it said, that from the New England States come less of the gay frivolous, yet disreputable, men and women seeking a divorce decree, whose conduct, or rather misconduct, has cast disrepute upon this serious business than from any other section of the country.

There are notable exceptions, but as a class, the people whose complaints specify some New England city or town as the place of their fault, and whose marriages are less conspicuous by any reprehensible social proclivities than those from any other part of the country.

This may be simply a matter of coincidence; on the other hand, the moral tone of New England life may have much to do with it. Suffice it to say that today there is not a single man or woman from New England, as far as known, among the many here for this purpose, who is numbered among those who have thrown all regard for reputation to the four winds and are "flying high" in the social swirl of the pleasure seekers conspicuous in the limelight of Reno.

SHRINK FROM LIMELIGHT.
However, this does not contemplate by any means that all of those from New England are devoting their undivided time and attention to religious, charitable or reformatory work or keeping themselves entirely within the confines of their own home cottages, or the four walls of their abodes in apartment houses or hotels. Many of them are familiar figures in public, on the streets and in the shops, cafes and places of entertainment.

While some avoid public attention and find occupation quietly with others of their family who may be here with them, within their modest little homes on a quiet street of the residential section of the city, others find their diversion in the saddle, automobile, dances, theatres and cafe dinners, the latter the only places in which to appease their love for music, outside of the theatres and churches.

With the thoughts of Christmas and the New Year approaching, these compelled to spend these holidays in Reno, 500 miles from their kindred and the scenes of former home circles, find themselves confronted with a new event, strange, unique, in which past events, which can never be forgotten, loom up before them.

The women especially, as at no other time, in a vain effort to forget, a determined attempt "to make the best of it all and be happy," enter into the new life of the West, yet realizing that not even the bright, cheerful Nevada sunshine can penetrate the overhanging cloud of a broken home, rendering the sequel brighter by contrast.

OVER 200 NEW ENGLANDERS.
Thus Reno, with its aggregation of seekers for the little pieces of paper which can sever them completely for all time from one whom they once loved and cherished, presents to-day a situation unparalleled on earth.

In this some 200 New Englanders have played a part during the past two years, while others are to-day occupying places of more or less prominence in the continuous performance of unending marital knots of the ill-mated from other States. Behind the glamour of assumed contentment one finds a scene truly pathetic.

The joy-riding in automobile or behind a spirited team, or galloping with a party of companions in the saddle, does not break the story of sorrow and heart-breaking which precedes and follows the divorcee's countenance as she fondles her little child, does the recital in the witness chair at the court house of what finally brought her to Reno, often does, the little confidential chat with a sympathizing new-found companion far from home does, and the crucible of adversity is full with memories as the Thanksgiving passed without the cheer of its family reunion and the joyous chiming of the Christmas morn and happy ringing in of the new year herald anything but "peace and happiness."

But to those who with apparent serious thought of consequences entered into marital relations and with equal difference seek relief in the courts, Christmas in Reno and Christmas in New England offer nothing in variance. The gifts have to travel a greater distance, that's all.

They are having a good time, here as there, with no computations of conscience nor suffering from actions of another to disturb their exacting demands upon the Goddess of Pleasure.

BETRAYING HOME TOWNS.
There are between 50 and 75 women members of the "colony" here to-day from various parts of New England, not generally known, either as to their identity or the fact that they came from those States. This is explained by the fact that many are determined to avoid publicity and resort to extreme means to accomplish such intention by assuming fictitious names and giving wrong names of home places for the purpose of misleading.

The Overland limited train, upon which a great majority of them come, arrives at four o'clock in the morning and they go direct to the Riverside Hotel, where they remain only that day and then disappear to some cottage or apartment house, selected frequently by their attorneys, to whom they are usually referred by some eastern law firm before leaving for the West.

Others slip quietly and unobserved at that early hour from the depot to the place previously determined upon as their future abode, and their presence in the city may not become known for some time, if at all, until their suit is filed, and then, if not very prominent, who and what they are and whence they came is not disclosed by the sealed

Just A Word As To The Near Future :

All during the great holiday business there was going on behind the scenes, great preparations for our
January Clearance Sale

In fact we began many weeks ago. Whenever a manufacturer's agent offered us any good thing along the line of staples, we bought at the sacrifice price. All such purchases are in and will be arranged with our own stock for quick clearance. Our January sales are so well understood, further comment is quite unnecessary. The sale opens **TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY SECOND.**

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papers until the case comes to trial. That they are here, however, is manifest in such ways as these. One woman remarks to a shop clerk, "Why I can get that for much less in Boston," while at a picture show another woman exclaims, "I saw these pictures at home in Connecticut." Still another, while dining in a cafe, is overheard to compare Nevada with Maine, while another is telling some new-found friend of a letter she just received from her folks in Providence.

Massachusetts is only second to New York State in the number of divorce-seekers here, the latter ranking first. For some reason New Hampshire and Vermont are rarely heard from, not more than two from each of those States being recalled during the past two years. Maine is seldom represented in the "colony."

PEW ARRIVALS IN HOLIDAYS.
Of the New Englanders here at present, as far as known, probably the most prominent is the highly accomplished, athletic, society leader, wife of a capitalist of Norway, Conn. She came direct from Paris to Reno for a divorce, and has been devoting much of her time to a course of studies at the University of Nevada here. She lives quietly in a cottage on the south side, accompanied by a young cousin, and is a royal entertainer.

Another New Englander, an elderly woman from Brookline, Mass., has been conspicuous here for several months, when not visiting nearby pleasure resorts, by her riding about in her automobile with her devoted young chauffeur.

A newly-married couple from Worcester are living happily here. The man is a graduate of Harvard, and the woman secured her divorce recently. Each left children in Worcester.

There are few new arrivals at this season of the year, but an excessive number of decrees are issued, for the reason those contemplating a divorce for Nevada are here, and the woman secured her divorce recently. Each left children in Worcester.

PLOWED DEC. 31, 1888.
Postal Clerk Roberts Recalls Warm Weather 23 Years Ago.

They were talking about the mild weather of the past few weeks. "The year remember," asked Roberts, "that you ever saw a December as warm as this one?" "Yes," replied J. H. Roberts of the railway mail service, "in 1888 I plowed some land on the 31st of December, just to be able to say that I had done so. The weather was so warm then that the ground was not frozen."

Local Forecaster John E. Hooper of the weather bureau station in this city has looked up the weather record for December, 1888. He finds that a period of warm weather similar to the present one extended through the latter part of the month in that year. For several days after the 23rd of the month, the temperature was above the freezing point most of the time. On the 30th it rose as high as 72 degrees, and there was a fall of rain that later turned to snow. On the 31st the thermometer fell from 35 to 26, and Mr. Hooper believes that this slight fall was the beginning of colder weather, although he has not looked up the records for January, 1889. At any rate, it is probable that in many places in this vicinity the ground was soft enough for plowing, as well as where Mr. Roberts found this to be the case.

AFRAID OF SANTA CLAUS.
Fear Did Not Last Long, However, After He Got Busy.

Did you ever hear of a child afraid of good old Santa Claus? No? Well, there were several little tots at the First Baptist Church Monday eve who were so frightened when he appeared that they ran away from the big fellow in red with the long white beard, and their hearts went pit-a-pat in their scared little bosoms.

But no one ever fears dear old Santa for very long. He is so plump and rosy and jolly that you just can't be afraid of him after he speaks to you, and laughs in his hearty, good-natured way. So pretty soon the children came running back to him, and he began to give presents to all of them, and no one who was there will ever forget what a good time everybody had.

The occasion was the Christmas tree for the children of the primary department and the cradle roll from six

o'clock until 7:30. Superintendent Arthur C. Williams of the Sunday school presided at the exercises. His read a passage of Scripture, the Rev. J. S. Baker, pastor of the church, offered prayer, and a hymn was followed by a program of recitations by the children, the exercises closing with the class song by the primary department.

And then, all of a sudden, in came Santa Claus. But of course it was not Santa himself, for he has so many children to visit all over the world that he has to have a great many men to help him. One of the men who help Santa give out the presents was at the church last evening. At first even the grown-ups did not know who this man was. Some folks thought they did, and they began to guess. They had to guess a good many times, and even then some of them didn't get it right. But George H. Mylon knows for certain who Santa's assistant was. He can tell.

Every child at the Christmas tree received a present and a box of candy, and the older people all received bags of candy. Over 40 bags of candy were given away. The affair was in charge of Mrs. F. D. Johnson, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Davidson. The children who took part in the exercises were as follows:

Dorothy Ricker, Willie Springer, Florence McGuire, Leo Kittell, Theresa Lammie, Muriel Prior, Georganna Prince, John J. Hoag, Jr., Doris Brown, Blanche Biddle, Henry Morgan, Maurice Boyden, Ruth Haddock, Leslie Davis, Clarence Lane, Helen Kittell, Howard Morse, Rita Becker, Earl Morgan, Constance Ricker, Harold Burpee, Zoraida Mylon, Hazelton Burley, Winifred Davidson, Winifred Chase, Roberta Morgan, Kenneth Simpson, Gerald Hillard, Clayton Ferguson, Donald Wilkins, Laura Fry, Winifred Wilkins, Eleanor Davidson, Wayne Prior, Lee Morgan and Alice Farren.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of unclaimed letters in the Burlington postoffice for the week ending December 23, 1911.

WOMEN'S LIST.
Miss Anna E. Allen, Mrs. Lilla Atwood, Mrs. L. Harwood, Mrs. Cora Brown, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. John H. Doolittle, Mrs. Josephine Drew, Mrs. Foster P. Fred, Rose Gagnon, Mrs. M. E. Gove, Miss Geneva Harwood, Mrs. Mary Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harris, Mrs. Willis Houshield, Bertha Head, Emma C. Hill, Mrs. Kane, Cora L. Roy, Mrs. Henry Langford, Mrs. Nell Leonard, (Miss Madeline Murray), H. N. Main, St. J. MacDonald, Mrs. John McChaffrey, Miss Grace E. Norton, Mrs. Ada Pepper, Mrs. James Powers, Miss Mary Reagan, Elizabeth Richmond, Mrs. J. T. Robson, Miss L. M. Stone, Mrs. Georgia Smith, G. Miss Cora Skinner, Miss Hilda Stafford, Elizabeth Widenacker, Mary Winkler.

MEN'S LIST.
C. F. Allen, Ira Batchelder, J. F. Ball, Mr. Bushey, John Boskova, Hubert Horton, Goddard Houston, G. E. Cadden, Grant L. Edson, Franklin E. Foley, H. B. Fisher, William First, Andrew Hoar, Warren Hughes, Herbarod Medical company, M. J. Hickey, Henry Kenyon, J. W. Kingsley, R. E. Kingsley, Richard Levine, Oliver Lafontaine, Frank Leville, John T. Luscomb, Walter Mitham, E. P. Mills, Rev. Francis Taylor, Joseph O'Connor, John H. Pastor, Peter Waters, L. E. Richardson, Edward C. Santo Holderness School, Ed Tucker, Charles Tatroit, (Lauris Weeks), 15 Bedford St., John Weldon, Nieder Wiesen.

WINGORSKI LIST.
Alex J. Coley, Mrs. Frank J. Henson, Clara Johnson, Eusevion Leeper, E. Martin, Emory H. Mason, John Schner, Charles Reed, Georgia Wells.

**WOMAN OF 110 YEARS
HAD MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 26.—Greeting cheerfully the neighbors, who came to wish her well, Mrs. Lucy Wagoner, who claims to be 110 years old, and who lives just across the line in Taney county, Ark., said she spent a merry Christmas as any one in the State.

"Granny" Wagoner, as she is called, lives alone in a log cabin and makes her own living by working in the cotton field and doing odd jobs. She says she was born in Tennessee in 1801 and that she has eight great-grandchildren, beside numerous other descendants.

ADVICE.
Earnest Young Man—"Have you any advice to a struggling young employer?" Frank Old Gentleman—"Yes, Don't work."

Earnest Young Man—"Don't work?" Frank Old Gentleman—"No. Become an employer."—Judge.

COLLEGE STREET EXTENSION

Central Vermont Railway Withdraws Opposition to City's Claim.

Will Not Object, Either, to Public Wharf on its Land South of the Street, Subject to a Fair Price.

The Central Vermont Railway company has withdrawn opposition to the claim of the city of Burlington for the extension of College street to the Lake Champlain water front. The company has also withdrawn its opposition to the condemnation of the land south of College street for the purposes of a public wharf; but the railroad reserves the right to contest the amount of the allowance made by the city council for damages, namely, \$6,500.

This action on the part of the Central Vermont Railway company was announced Tuesday by its attorney, C. W. Witters of St. Albans, while in this city.

"But," added Mr. Witters, "the company hopes that the railway and the city will come to an agreement in regard to the sum to be paid for the land condemned, without a resort to litigation."

Mr. Witters and H. S. Peck of this city, also counsel for the railway company, estimate the value of the land condemned by the city for a public wharf as from \$5,000 to \$10,000, if not more.

"The railway company," said Mr. Witters, "wants to get a great deal of money for the land ready for its use. Much filling in had to be done, and when the station was built piles had to be driven to a depth of 90 feet, so as to get a solid foundation underneath the soft surface soil. The land in this vicinity is made land, and for this reason our claim for damages is a sound one."

Mr. Witters said that no action would be taken in regard to the renewal of the Lake Champlain Yacht club's lease of a portion of the company's dock at the foot of College street until after the settlement of the union station problem had been effected.

"I think," said he, "that the members of the yacht club, in general, understand our attitude upon this matter. The club has had the use of the dock for ten years, at a merely nominal charge for rent, and they know that our treatment of them has been fair in the past."

"With matters in the present unsettled state that exists in regard to the property in the vicinity of the club house, naturally we can not act definitely upon the club's request for a renewal of the lease until the other points now under consideration are decided."

"For the present, however, the club will continue to have the use of their present quarters on the dock pending the settlement of the station question. But I presume that provision for the club can eventually be made."

"This action of the Central Vermont railway," said Mr. Peck Tuesday, referring to the company's withdrawal of some of its objections, "will be of mutual benefit to the city and the railroad."

The railway company took appeal from the action of the city council, condemning the land for the proposed public wharf, in regard to the amount of damages due from the city and a condemnation was appointed in Chittenden county court to hear the case. This commission has not yet reported. The company is now under a temporary injunction restraining it from laying additional tracks west of the present right of way across the lower outlet of College street. Yesterday's action on the part of the company eliminates the necessity for further litigation in connection with the injunction proceedings.

A JUDGE'S STORY.
One must learn to sympathize with domestic friction. I was looking in on a man the other day for backing up his wife in what was not only an absurd story, but one in which I could see he had no belief. "You should really be more careful," I said, "and I tell you candidly I don't believe a word of your wife's story."

"You may do as you like," he said, mournfully, "but I've got to—Parry's Judgments in Vacation."

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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Review of Work Done during
Season of 1911.

Main Roads Leading Out of Burling-
ton and in Five Surrounding
Towns Now in Better Condi-
tion Than Ever Before.

The roads of Chittenden county at the present time, when work for the season of 1911 has just been completed, are undoubtedly in the best shape they have been since trails were first made through the wilderness. State Road Commissioner G. W. Gates has been liberal in his appropriation of money for the betterment of road conditions in this, the most traveled county of the State, and the results are apparent to any one who does any traveling outside of the city limits. This is all of considerable importance to Burlington and is, moreover, in one sense the city's due, since its contribution to the State road fund is more than \$7,000, far in excess of any other city or town. This money consists of five per cent. of the tax on the grand list, and as Burlington leads the State in that particular it consequently leads in the amount paid into the road fund.

South Burlington, Essex, Bolton, Colchester and Milton are the towns in which the greatest improvements have been made, all of which are of a permanent nature. A traveler along the Williston and Pittsburg road would hardly recognize some of the bad places which formerly tormented him. The State has put in \$2,000 near the Eldridge schoolhouse and made 1,500 feet of crushed stone roadway. Much has also been done there in reducing the grade by cutting down the hill and filling in. On Hinesburg road, or Fourth street, the State expended \$1,500 in putting in crushed stone, and effectually wiped out nearly a quarter of a mile of very sandy road.

The road between Burlington and Montpelier has been greatly strengthened in Bolton, where \$2,000 was spent a mile and a half above the village in what was considered by automobilists about the worst place between here and Boston. There was a sharp curve at that point with a number of bad turns which made passing dangerous. The turns were largely taken away and a large difference made in the grade. A number of rocks formerly jutting out to the road's edge so that the passing of two teams was an impossibility and the road was little more than a trail. These were blasted away, about \$50 being spent in this task alone.

The sum of \$3,000 was spent in the town of Essex, but the work was more scattered and confined mostly to ridding the highways of several sandy stretches. Crushed stone and gravel were put in large quantities on the main road between the junction and Colchester and the work carried right up to the Colchester line. About \$500 was spent near the old Rock place above Essex Junction and much was accomplished in cutting down the hill east of the Essex Classical Institute and other hills at various points.

Only the regular appropriation was expended in the town of Shelburne and this was nearly all used in building a new bridge over a brook on the main road between Burlington and that village, just south of the road that skirts the head of Shelburne bay. Much trouble has been experienced at this point with high water which swept parts of the road bed away. It is now believed that this trouble has been forever put to rest. In Milton, the road, a short distance south of Sandbar bridge, as bettered by lengthening the approach to the iron bridge 30 feet and in lessening the grade six feet. Other important steps in the direction of good roads were taken all over the country and if the same progress is made next year practically all of the main roads in the county will be in good condition.

AUTO CLUB TO BE FORMED.
Chittenden County Motorists to Organize for Mutual Benefit.
A movement is under way, looking toward the formation of an automobile association in this vicinity, to be known as the Chittenden County Automobile club. There are many automobile owners in this city and the surrounding towns and it is believed that the time is ripe for the organization of an association among them. A number of them have already signed their names as members of the club, and others have expressed a desire to do so. A meeting of those interested will be called, probably within two or three weeks, for it is desired to get the club organized at the beginning of the new year.

Among the objects of the new club, as set forth in the papers now being circulated, are the following: To obtain good roads in Chittenden county; to endeavor to promote and revise the laws in the interest of automobilists; to see that the laws are enforced against those driving horses as well as against those driving automobiles; to have durability and reliability runs on Memorial day, Independence day and Labor day, these runs to be open to members of the club only, and to perform any other services for the benefit of automobile owners in Chittenden county. The annual dues of the members of the club will be \$1.00.

ORDINATION AT ST. PAUL'S.
Rev. George H. Severance Advanced to Priesthood by Bishop Hall.

The Rev. George Henry Severance of Springfield was ordained into the priesthood Thursday morning at ten o'clock at St. Paul's chapel by the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, bishop of Vermont. The Rev. Mr. Severance was presented by the Rev. David L. Sanford of Hardwick, his diocesan missionary.

The Rev. W. F. Forsythe of Richford, a former rector of Middlebury parish, from which the young priest comes, preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The day being St. Thomas's day, he spoke of the faith as concerning the divinity of our Lord and the necessity of fidelity to this faith especially in these days when there appears to be a loose hold on our Lord's divinity. He said that the sacramental system protected the truth of His divinity, and he spoke personally to the candidate, exhorting him to be faithful. All of the clergy present united in the laying on of hands.

The clergy present, beside those already mentioned, were the Rev. George B. Johnson, the bishop's chaplain, the Rev. Arthur C. Clarke, the Rev. W. F. Weeks of Shelburne, president of the standing committee, and the Rev. Charles C. Wilkins. In the congregation were several from Middlebury, the home of the Rev. Mr. Severance.

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